



ATLANTIC WOOD INDUSTRIES, INC. SUPERFUND SITE COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

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EPA ISSUES EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES (ESD)

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 (EPA) has issued an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Atlantic Wood Industries, Inc. (AWI) Superfund Site in Portsmouth, Virginia. The ESD documents changes in EPA's cost estimate to clean up the site.

In 2007, EPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Site that estimated the cleanup costs would amount to \$44.9 million. During the cleanup design, EPA determined the amount of soil requiring treatment and the volume of sediment requiring dredging were significantly greater than estimated in 2007. As a result, the cost of cleanup will increase. EPA now estimates that the cleanup will cost approximately \$98.2 million.

EPA issued the ESD to formally document and communicate this cost increase to the public. This ESD, and all related documents, have been added to the Administrative Record file for the AWI Site. The Administrative Record is available online at <http://go.usa.gov/GUM> as well as at the following locations:

Portsmouth Public Library - Cradock Branch
28 Prospect Parkway
Portsmouth, VA 23702

or

U.S. EPA Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Please call the Administrative Record
Coordinator at 215-814-3157 for an
appointment.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Open House

**Tuesday, August 21, 2012
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Portsmouth Crime Prevention Unit (Formerly
the Cradock Recreation Center)**

**45 Afton Parkway
Portsmouth, VA 23702**

EPA will host an informal Open House to discuss the ESD and answer any questions you may have regarding the AWI Site. Representatives from the EPA, the Virginia Department of Public Health, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Portsmouth will also be available to answer questions about the Site.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is constructing a large sheet pile wall which will contain creosote-soaked sediments in the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River and the contaminated sediments dredged from the river. McLean Contracting, a local marine construction firm, is performing the work, which is scheduled to be complete in early 2013.

The USACE recently issued a contract to treat creosote and pentachlorophenol in the ground in the southwestern portion of the site. This work will begin in early fall 2012 and be complete within six months.

EPA will begin construction on a storm sewer extension and a ground water collection trench in the fall of 2012.

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<http://go.usa.gov/GsX>

